Overview

This standard is about preparing and providing feed and water to animals.

The elements are:
1. Prepare feed for animals
2. Provide feed and water to animals

Element 1 covers the preparation of feed for animals. The preparation of feed may include considering 'special requirements' such as feeds which are prohibited for a particular animal (e.g. if the animal is diabetic), and any special supplements that have been specified in the animal's diet/meal plan.

Element 2 covers providing feed and water to animals. You will select the correct feed and supply clean, fresh water according to requirements.

You will need to be fully aware of the importance of health, safety and animal welfare in connection with this work.
Performance criteria

You must be able to:

**Prepare feed for animals**

P1 carry out any necessary work to receive and store animal feed according to instructions
P2 wash your hands effectively before and after handling animal feed
P3 obtain the correct equipment and materials needed to prepare and serve animal feed
P4 clean work surfaces, utensils and equipment thoroughly, before and after use
P5 identify the type and quantity of animal feed required for each animal from feeding plans
P6 prepare the correct amount of animal feed according to manufacturers' recommendations in a way that minimises wastage
P7 use the appropriate utensils in a hygienic way consistent with organisational and legal requirements
P8 use working methods and practices throughout the process that promote health and safety and are consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice
P9 dispose of any unwanted animal feed correctly and put equipment and utensils away safely

You must be able to:

**Provide feed and water to animals**

P10 select the correct feed according to the animals' specified diet
P11 prepare and store feed correctly in hygienic conditions
P12 present feed in the specified manner to give each animal the opportunity to obtain its food requirement
P13 supply clean, fresh water to the animals by the specified system and according to their needs
P14 report immediately to an appropriate person any abnormalities in the feeding and drinking habits of the animals
P15 clean, maintain and store equipment so that it is fit for use
P16 take appropriate action when difficulties are encountered during feeding
P17 maintain the health and well-being of the animal(s) throughout
P18 keep the required records of feeding accurate and complete
P19 use working methods and systems which promote health and safety and which are consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice
P20 manage waste safely from feeding in ways which do not damage the environment and are consistent with relevant legislation
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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

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K1  any relevant procedures for receiving and storing feed in your organisation
K2  the importance of hygiene (including hand washing), health and safety in preparing and serving animal feed and the processes and procedures for maintaining them
K3  the different types of feed that are available and how they are prepared
K4  the particular precautions that should be taken to prepare frozen feed (i.e. thorough defrosting)
K5  the equipment and utensils that are used in preparing and serving animal feed, what they are used for and how to use them safely
K6  the specific needs which animals have for feed, and any special requirements (e.g. supplements)
K7  relevant legislation and codes of practice regarding the preparation of feed
K8  how and where to dispose of waste

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K9  why animals should receive their feed via the specified method
K10 identification of feed and feed quality
K11  the importance of providing fresh water to animals
K12  normal feeding behaviour of animals and signs of abnormalities
K13  methods of cleaning and maintaining feeding equipment in a fit and hygienic state for use
K14  correct storage and use of equipment and feedstuffs
K15  the limits of your own abilities and responsibilities regarding difficulties which may arise
K16  organisation health and safety policy and own responsibility under health and safety legislation
K17  risks to animals, self and others and how these can be minimised
K18  the records which you have to complete concerning the provision of feed and water
K19  the different types of waste and how they should be managed
Additional Information

**Prepare feed for animals**

1. **animal feed:**
   1.1. fresh
   1.2. frozen
   1.3. dried
   1.4. tinned

2. **equipment:**
   2.1. equipment for preparing food
   2.2. protective equipment

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3. **specified diet:**
   3.1. type
   3.2. quantity
   3.3. quality
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